

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1380–1408; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; and H. Res. 207 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1232, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax benefits relating to abortion, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–55) and

H. Res. 206, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1363) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 112–56).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Bishop Henry Fernandez, The Faith Center, Sunrise, Florida.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 98 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 232.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Jackson (IL) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 36 yeas to 367 nays, Roll No. 229.

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Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 910, to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 7th.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

McNerney amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that clarifies that voluntary programs addressing climate change classify as exceptions to the bill's prohibitions.

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Rejected:

Cuellar amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to amend the definition of greenhouse gas, to remove water vapor as a part of the definition, amend the act by striking the removal of existing EPA findings and rules, and exempt all auto standards from the legislation;

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Quigley amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to require GAO to report to Congress the results of a study of health care costs in the U.S. as affected by the elimination of EPA regulation under this Act, as compared to health care costs in the U.S. as would be affected by the EPA proceeding under their regulating authority as determined in *Massachusetts v. EPA*;

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to require an EPA study to determine the long term impact of a complete ban on their authority to regulate greenhouse gases (by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 233);

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to insert a new section to provide considerations and procedures in finalizing greenhouse gas regulations (by a recorded vote of 157 yeas to 266 noes, Roll No. 234);

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Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to clarify that the Agency can continue to provide technical assistance to states taking action to limit greenhouse gas emissions (by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 235);

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Waxman amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to add a new section with respect to Congressional Acceptance of Scientific Findings: Congress accepts the scientific findings of the Environmental Protection Agency that climate changes is occurring, is caused largely by human activities, and poses significant risks for public health and welfare (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 236);

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Polis amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to ensure the EPA Administrator can protect the public health in case of public health emergency (by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 257 noes, Roll No. 237);

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Markey amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to ensure that any prohibition on or limitation to EPA's Clean Air Act authority contained in the bill would not apply to any action EPA could take to reduce demand for oil (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 238);

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Rush amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to prevent the provisions of this act from going into effect until the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, certifies that the consequences of not regulating greenhouse gas emissions, and its subsequent impact on climate change, including the potential to create sustained natural and humanitarian disasters and the ability to likely foster political instability where societal demands exceed the capacity of governments to cope, do not jeopardize American security interests at home or abroad (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 239);

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Doyle amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to include a study to determine whether regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Air Act to address climate change, if not repealed or otherwise made unauthorized by section 2 of the bill, would cause greenhouse gas leakage and reduce the international competitiveness of United States producers of energy-intensive products (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 240); and

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Kind amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–54) that sought to codify the Environmental Protection Agency's Tailoring Rule in order to protect farms, small businesses, and small- and medium-sized stationary sources from greenhouse gas regulation (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 241).

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H. Res. 203, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 231, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 230.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, April 7th.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2338, H2348–49, H2349–50, H2350, H2385–86, H2386–87, H2387, H2387–88, H2388–89, H2389, H2389–90, H2390–91, H2391. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the state of the beef industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigations—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, FBI.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FEMA budget. Testimony was heard from William Craig Fugate, FEMA Administrator.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Labor Relations Board—FY 2012. Testimony was heard from Wilma B. Liebman, Chairman, National Labor Relations Board; and Lafe Solomon, Acting General Counsel.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the United Nations and other International Organizations. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Aviation Administration—FY 2012 Oversight & Budget. Testimony was heard from Randy Babbitt, FAA Administrator.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts—FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Judge; and James C. Duff, Director.